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NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

THE LOUISVILLE MEETING, AUGUST 13-14-15-16, 1935 *

LAST July, the National Dental Association made its first pilgrimage to Nashville, Tenn., a center of Negro culture and achievement. Those fortunate enough to have made that trip will remember the hospitality, excellent facilities for comfort, and the most modern New Meharry Medical and Dental School and Hospital. The equipment in this plant left nothing to be desired. These men will remember how the various committees worked unceasingly to have every necessary thing, and to attend to the detailed needs of the visitors. The convention left Nashville with a warm spot in the heart of every man and woman, for those fine people who had entertained them so well.

This year the convention will journey to "Old Louisville," the home of hospitality. To the far reaches of the world, Louisville is known for its eternal trinity, namely: beautiful ladies, fast horses and most excellent distilleries. The writer had the happy experience of living in the above city for about seven years, which advantage permits of the knowledge of the facilities for holding a convention. When the N. M. A. met in this fair city in 1921, it was said by many that the Louisville meeting was the finest ever held in any place.

Louisville offers much as a convention city; it is beautiful; it has many beautiful parks and places of interest; the surroundings are very historic, with the great Mammoth Cave just a short distance away; the famed Churchill Downs, the home of the Kentucky Derby; excellent housing facilities in beautiful homes; a Negro hospital; Negro College and dormitory buildings; University of Louisville Dental School (that will be used, no doubt, for convention purposes); and, last, a very kindly relationship existing between the two racial groups. I have tried to picture, in a rambling way, the high spots that will make for harmony and a happy recreational trip, but now the important side must be considered. The local Committee is at work night and day

* Editorial Comment.—At this point in its development, THE DENTOSCOPE meets an opportunity for service of a more general nature to the Dental Profession. The courtesy of our columns is extended to the National Dental Association, the membership of which is very largely "Howardites." This announcement emanates from the office of the President of the National Dental Association, and, is presented for your consideration and guidance.

trying to get plans together for a real convention. *This is all work.* They deserve your help and co-operation, which you can give by attending this meeting.

Every man interested in dentistry, and particularly the National Dental Association, will begin now to lay plans to attend this convention in August. Essays and clinics are being prepared by men eminent in their particular fields. Aside from the regular routine of a convention, we have a worthwhile Constitution that will be submitted for adoption. We want every man there so that he will know for what he is voting. There are problems in Socialized Dentistry and Dental Economics and many, many other vital subjects in which we must be interested, and must concern ourselves whether we want to or not. These current issues of the day must be carefully studied for our own protection. We cannot afford to let all other groups get organized, nor be contented to let them do our thinking. We must get into the fight with them. This can be done by getting your dues paid, if you are already a member, and, if you are not, get on the job, make your preparations for Louisville in August; we will be there with a glad hand to welcome you.

THE DENTOSCOPE has been selected as the temporary official medium of expression for the National Dental Association. There is no subscription fee as such, but the readers are asked to contribute a minimum of one dollar annually, as a share in the cost of publishing. Send in the dollar, get THE DENTOSCOPE, and know what is going on among the Alumni and association members.

THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION

THE Executive Committee of the National Dental Association held its mid-winter session on February 23, 1935, at the College of Dentistry, of Howard University. In the absence of the Chairman, Dr. W. F. Grinnage, the meeting was presided over by Dr. Q. B. King. The sessions were attended by the following members of the Association: Dr. C. W. Dorsey, President; Dr. M. D. Wiseman, Past-President; Dr. Q. B. King, Acting Chairman; Dr. R. H. Thompson, Secretary of the Committee, and Drs. J. L. Baxter, C. T. Ferebee, W. W. Beekman, E. T. Mavritte, J. L. Davis, J. H. Nicolson, S. J. Lewis, Roscoe Brown (of the U. S. Dept. of Health), and Russell A. Dixon, Dean of the Dental College.

The matters of major importance considered at the meeting were: The approval of a draft of a "Constitution and By-Laws" for the As-

sociation, to be presented for consideration of the National body at the annual meeting, August 13-16, at Louisville, Kentucky; the discussion of plans whereby local, district, and state societies, both dental and medico-dental, may become constituents of the national body; the appointment of a committee to arrange for a Memorial Service at the national meeting as a tribute to Drs. Barrier, Wormley, and Ferguson. Dean Dixon graciously tendered the columns of THE DENTOSCOPE, the official publication of the Howard Dental College, to the National Dental Association as a temporary medium of expression and publicity.

During the noon recess, the members of the Committee were greeted by the faculty of the Dental College, and, were conducted on a tour of inspection of the building. Later, they were the luncheon guests of Dean Dixon at the University dining room in the new Girls' Dormitory. In the evening, the Committee were the guests of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society at its regular monthly meeting, which was followed by a delectable repast at the residence of Dr. Wiseman. Drs. Wiseman, Foster, and Gaskins were the hosts.

Inspiration and information at the National Dental Association, Louisville, August 13, 14, 15 and 16.